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KAISER HOLDS THE KEY

Fate of Captain Dreyfus Rests With Emperor William.

HUMBERT WILL FOLLOW HIS LEAD

If Schwartzkoppen Is Allowed to Give Testimony Acquittal Is Predicted. Otherwise Conviction Is Certain—Lac-bori and Jonaust Clash.

RENNES, Sept. 7.—The salvation of Captain Dreyfus hangs on a word from Emperor William. It is the general opinion here if the emperor consents to allow Colonel Schwartzkoppen, the German military attaché in Paris in 1894, to testify before the court martial or send a deposition, or what is considered still more probable, to allow his deposition to be accompanied by the actual documents mentioned in the bordereau, then Dreyfus is saved.

If the emperor, however, decides that it is not in the interests of Germany for Colonel Schwartzkoppen to intervene then Dreyfus' case is hopeless and his condemnation certain. The eyes of France are looking across the frontier to Stuttgart, where the emperor is staying. He is in the position of the spectators in a gladiatorial combat in the coliseum in ancient Rome, with Dreyfus lying at the foot of his antagonist and watching whether the emperor points his thumb up or down. He has not yet given a sign either way and Frenchmen are waiting with breathless interest the first indication of his will.

To all interests and purposes Emperor William stands today the arbiter of the internal peace of France, for every one anticipates that King Humbert will follow his lead. This is probably the explanation of the delay.

Yesterday's public proceedings were marked by three important episodes. The first was General Zurlinden's admission that the erasure and restitution of Esterhazy's name in the petit bleu could not have been perpetrated by Colonel Picquart, and consequently must be attributed to some one inside the general staff. The second was the declaration by M. Paleologue that the secret dossier contained a document which showed that Colonel Schwartzkoppen admitted his relations with Esterhazy and that Schwartzkoppen, in the opinion of Paleologue, sent to Esterhazy the identical petit bleu for which Colonel Picquart was detained 10 months on a charge of forgery. The third was General Billot's broad insinuation that Esterhazy and Captain Dreyfus were accomplices, which led to an impassioned protest on the part of the accused.

The great event of the sitting was the battle royal between Labori and Jonaust over certain questions which the advocate wished to put to General Billot. M. Labori lost control of himself under the influence of his deep feeling of indignation and his belief that Colonel Jonaust was deliberately gagging him in the interest of the military clique. His voice, which at first resounded through the court room, became choked with emotion. The spectators held their breath as he retorted defiantly to Colonel Jonaust's refusal to put the questions, his words drowning Jonaust's voice in an irresistible torrent, whose force was heightened by his passionate gestures.

Little Hope from Germany.
BERLIN, Sept. 7.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes an interview with Colonel Schwartzkoppen which is believed to define Germany's policy toward the Dreyfus affair. When asked whether he would go to Rennes, Colonel Schwartzkoppen curtly replied: "No, I do not think the emperor will permit me to make a statement. Have we not already adopted a line of conduct in the matter. We have done so twice. First, our ambassador to France declared that we had nothing to do with the affair. Then Count von Buelow, German minister of foreign affairs, confirmed that statement plainly and distinctly in the reichstag."

Plot to Overthrow French Government.
LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Chronicle, referring to the report which the public prosecutor will submit to the senate, sitting as a high court to try the persons charged with trying to bring about a change in the form of government, says: "The report will include written evidence of collusion between the anti-Semites and royalists. A letter from the Duke of Orleans to Andre Buffet has been seized proving that the pretender has been subsidizing and fomenting the later agitation, with a view of provoking the government to call out the troops and thus produce a revolutionary outbreak."

Cheyenne Firebug Caught.
CHEYENNE, Sept. 7.—Joseph W. O'Neill, secretary of the Durant Fire company, was arrested by Chief of Police Proctor charged with incendiarism. O'Neill confessed to setting fire to the Conroy property on the night of Sept. 4 and to the Phillips house about a month ago. He says he was under the influence of liquor when he committed the crimes and had no particular motive.

Bandera Visits Gomez.
HAVANA, Sept. 7.—General Quinton Bandera visited General Gomez yesterday and the latter advocated a policy of union and concord. He said he had given many thrusts with his machete, but now he wished to give as many embraces. He advised Bandera to inaugurate in the eastern provinces a policy of conciliation.

SEVEN DIE IN A WRECK.

Freight Breaks In Two and Sections Crash Together in a Tunnel.

WILLIAMSON, W. V., Sept. 7.—Freight No. 21 on the Norfolk and Western road broke in two and the sections came together in a digress tunnel. The killed are:

FRANK R. ARCHER, brakeman, Kenosha. CHARLES BOOTH, brakeman, Wayne. JOHN CHAFFIN, fireman, Dingess.

The bodies of four tramps were also found in the wreck.

Superintendent V. A. Riton and Trainmaster Walter Hale were almost asphyxiated.

The wrecking train was slow in arriving and the wreck took fire. By its light those able crawled out and fell exhausted at the tunnel's entrance.

Through freight 91 was running in two sections at full speed when it parted and ran together again near the middle of the tunnel. Twenty three cars were completely wrecked. The unknown men are supposed from their clothing to have been tramps.

FIFTY PASSENGERS HURT.

Rear End Collision on the Baltimore and Ohio at Connellsville.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 7.—Probably 50 persons were injured in a rear end collision on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad last night at Connellsville station. The presence of mind of Engineer John Haggerty saved the lives of many. No one was fatally hurt.

The first section of train No. 5 and an emigrant special of eight emigrant sleepers ran into the rear of the Cumberland accommodation. Both trains were westbound. The crash was terrific. Two coaches of the accommodation were wrecked, the rear end of the last one being crushed as though it had been an eggshell.

Severely Claims Seven Victims.
SEATTLE, Sept. 7.—Otto Thevms of Primrose, Ia., who has arrived here from Copper River, Alaska, brings news confirming the reported deaths of seven members of the scientific prospecting company of New York. The dead are: Earhardt, Miller, Alderman, Schütz, Peter Siegel, Butner and Baumgartner. George Hooker, another member of the party, got out alive, but is badly crippled with scurvy, which carried away the majority of his companions.

Thomas Farris Shot at Mead.
MEAD, Neb., Sept. 7.—Thomas Farris of Saunders county was shot yesterday by John Johnson, about five miles north of Mead. The men had quarreled over the appraisement of some land and Johnson ordered Farris from his place. Upon his refusing to leave the premises Johnson fired both barrels of a shotgun loaded with No. 4 shot at the intruder. The shot took effect in the face and head. The man is seriously if not dangerously hurt.

President Now a Union Man.
CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—President McKinley is now a trades union man. He was yesterday elected a member of the Bricklayers' and Stonemasons' International union, No. 21, of Chicago. President Gubbins of the union said yesterday that since the chief executive was to lay the cornerstone of the new post-office it was necessary that he become a member of the union before he is allowed to handle a trowel in Cook county.

Third Cut in Rates.
KANSAS CITY, Sept. 7.—The Burlington company scored again in its fight with the Memphis road over rates on packing house products from Omaha and Kansas City to the southeast. The Burlington gave notice of its third reduction of 3 cents per 100 pounds from Omaha to the southeast, making a cut of 9 cents in a little over a week. The Memphis company will meet the cut today.

Telegraphic Briefs.
The British steamer Hanna M. Bell is ashore near Key West.

William Jennings Bryan was given an enthusiastic reception at San Francisco Wednesday night.

J. M. Chapman of Georgia, Wednesday at Salt Lake, lowered the world's record for a paced mile on an eight lap track to 1:47 2-5.

The directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company have declared an annual payment of four per cent on the adjustment bonds payable Nov. 1.

Robert Miller, the American charged with the murder of H. N. Ward and two Japanese women, was convicted and sentenced to be executed at Yokohama, Sept. 19.

Returns from the election held in the Creek nation indicate that P. Porter, the leader of the progressive element, has been elected chief of the nation by a small majority.

Lake shipping men estimate the loss caused by the blockade of Lake Superior navigation through the sinking of the vessels, Houghton and Fritz, in the St. Marys river, will amount to over \$1,000,000.

Robinson's Opera house, Cincinnati, was struck by lightning Wednesday evening, but the fire was put out with trifling loss. Fortunately the theatrical season had not yet opened in that house, as it had in every other theater in the city.

Director Merriam of the census bureau has selected Examiner John Garber to conduct examinations to be held at Omaha from Nov. 14 to 22. Applicants to be examined at Omaha will be those designated for appointment from Nebraska and South Dakota.

American apples are in such great demand in Germany this year that shipments have commenced one month earlier than usual. The first consignment left on the steamship Lahn and was from the Hudson river district. Last year 22,851 barrels were sent abroad. This year it is expected the shipments will reach 100,000 barrels.

Accidental Killing.
BRADY ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 7.—At a hay camp south of town, Joe Zebra was shot and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of T. Stevens, a fellow laborer.

BOER REPLY IN LONDON

Chamberlain Now Has Transvaal's Answer.

PROPOSALS ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

Agrees to Further Conference Regarding the Franchise and Representation. Ultimatum Is Expected from the British Cabinet—War Talk Is Plentiful.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Early this morning the colonial office began to receive the reply of the Transvaal government directed Mr. Chamberlain on being requested to make a statement, declined to do so until after the council tomorrow.

The colonial office officials were busy until after 3 o'clock this morning. Dispatches have been passing by special messengers between the queen and Lord Salisbury for the past few days. There is a rumor that in the event of war, Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutant general to the forces, will have supreme command.

The Times advises the government to convene parliament immediately, if necessary, to vote the needed supplies, adding that "a further loss of time may be dangerous and humiliating."

The Standard, referring to the reply of the Transvaal government to Mr. Chamberlain, says: "The dispatch is a positive insult to the British government. Clearly we are within measurable distance of an ultimatum."

The Times prints a long Cape Town dispatch from Mr. Moneybags, its Johannesburg correspondent, describing the steps which led to his flight. Commenting on the general situation Mr. Moneybags remarks: "Further negotiation and dalliance will only make Great Britain ridiculous and fatal. The only way to avoid war and to settle the affair is to demand disarmament and make a military demonstration to enforce it."

Urge Kruger to Come to Terms.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail says three days ago Captain J. H. Hofmeyer, the Afrikaner leader in Cape Colony, telegraphed President Kruger, warning him that unless he complied with certain specified conditions war would be inevitable. Mr. Kruger replied, promising compliance. President Steyn of the Orange Free State is also urging President Kruger, according to The Daily Mail's correspondent, to come to terms with Great Britain.

To Satisfy Kruger's Demands.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 7.—At a meeting of the war commission held at the fort today a complete scheme was drafted, it is said, for protecting and provisioning the town in the event of hostilities. Commander Viljoen of the Transvaal forces says that martial law will be proclaimed immediately on the receipt of an ultimatum from Great Britain and a tribunal has been established to assume the necessary functions when the state of siege is proclaimed.

Transvaal's Latest Reply.

PRETORIA, Sept. 7.—The latest reply of the Transvaal republic to the British demands has been published. In the reply regret is expressed that the proposals of Great Britain are unacceptable. The Transvaal government admits Great Britain's rights under the convention and international law to protect its subjects, but denies a claim of suzerainty. The reply agrees to a further conference regarding the franchise and representation.

YELLOW JACK SPREADING.

Forty Cases and Five Deaths Reported at Key West, Fla.

KEY WEST, Sept. 7.—Dr. Porter, chief executive of the state board of health, sent out the following yellow fever dispatch: "There are about 40 cases up to date and five deaths. The disease is slowly spreading. The hospital has been organized and the island is well patrolled by water. Tortugas will be used as a detention camp, which will be opened in three or four days. There is no excitement at Key West."

Gigantic Railway Combine.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 7.—The Post says: There is a plan arranged to form a gigantic railway system which will create a trunk line consolidation greater than any now in existence in this country and it will embrace the Baltimore and Ohio, Pittsburgh and Western, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Reading, West Virginia and Pittsburgh and several smaller roads in as many states.

To Test Pure Food Act.

LINCOLN, Sept. 7.—The act creating a food commission is called in question and will have to go to the supreme court before the auditor will issue his warrant for the payment of the salary of the deputy and clerk of the commission. The state auditor today decided on the course of declining to issue the warrant on the voucher of F. B. Hibbard, deputy food commissioner, for his salary.

Dakota and Wyoming Road to Build.
CHADRON, Neb., Sept. 7.—The Dakota and Wyoming railroad will resume work on its construction and push it to final completion, reaching from Rapid City to Fort Pierre. Thirty miles of rails are on the ground and contracts already let.

Accidental Killing.
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MEET NEXT AT CHICAGO.

Report on Pensions Is Returned With Instructions.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—The real business of the Grand Army gathering began yesterday with the assembling of the national encampment in the Grand opera house. The election of the next commander-in-chief is an important question which will be decided by the delegates. It is expected that Colonel William C. Johnson of Cincinnati, the acting commander-in-chief, will be elected to fill the unexpired term of two days. This will render him ineligible to candidacy for the full term and he will be given the title of past commander-in-chief.

The first business after recess was the selection for a place for the next encampment and Chicago was chosen by acclamation.

The debate over the pension report was getting very warm in the encampment yesterday when the whole matter was referred back to the committee. A delegate from Kansas caused considerable uproar by introducing a resolution that the encampment respectfully request the president to remove the pension commissioner at once. This brought a score of veterans to their feet, all of whom wanted to speak, but a motion to recess was adopted and quick adjournment relieved the situation, which was becoming embarrassing. The delegates are moving very slowly in the matter and generally they do not desire anything to go through that in any way reflects upon President McKinley.

LOWNDES RENOMINATED.

Maryland Republicans Name State Ticket by Acclamation.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 7.—The Maryland state Republican convention yesterday nominated the following state ticket: Governor, Lloyd Lowndes; comptroller, L. Goldsborough; attorney general, ex-Congressman John V. L. Findlay.

The nominations were all made by acclamation and the convention was harmonious. The platform declares for the gold standard, favors such a system of import duties as shall protect American industries and provide sufficient revenue for the expenses of government, economically administered, and commends the records made by our country in the war with Spain.

The Philippine plank says: "While we deplore the insurrection in the Philippines, wherein by cession from Spain we acquired the right of sovereignty, duty demands that we retain and pacify them and safeguard the interests of commerce until the problem of their final disposition be solved in such manner that the glory of our flag be not sullied."

As to trusts the platform says: "Legitimate business fairly capitalized and justly managed have built up trade at home and abroad and given employment to labor as never before and enabled us to compete in the foreign markets of the world. Such interests must not be strangled down by legislation aimed at the dishonest trusts which stifle competition. We are opposed to legislation merely for popular effect in reckless disregard of business revival after prolonged depression. We strongly favor laws to suppress trusts and all combinations which create monopoly."

Traveling Men to Attend.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—The following list of delegates to the trust conference has been sent in by the Iowa State Traveling men's association: F. E. Haley, secretary and treasurer, Des Moines; T. M. Jagan, chairman board of directors, Des Moines.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The legislative council of Victoria rejected the woman's suffrage bill.

Hon. W. S. Hanna, a prominent politician of Arkansas, is dead, aged 60. He was a cousin of Senator Mark Hanna. One side of the business part of Horrocks, Wis., was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The damage is nearly \$100,000.

George Asquith, junior counsel for Great Britain in the Venezuela boundary proceedings at Paris, concluded his argument Wednesday.

The contract for bringing the members of the Thirteenth Minnesota home from San Francisco was awarded to the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads at a rate of \$30 per man.

Charles Y. Wheeler, president of the Fifth Sterling Steel company of Pittsburgh, died in New York Wednesday, aged 55 years. Mr. Wheeler was editor of the Burlington Hawkeye from 1863 to 1873.

J. P. Bellenger shot and killed Joseph Riley and mortally wounded Hattie Watson at Alton, Ill., Wednesday night. Bellenger, on Tuesday, secured a divorce from his wife. He wanted the Watson women to marry him.

The officials of the London foreign office say they have not officially acquiesced in any modus vivendi in the matter of the Alaskan boundary dispute and that no recent negotiations have been under consideration there.

The central Porto Rican committee has decided to send broadcast through this country an appeal to churches for aid, and to all the banks in the country, to be posted where they can be seen, to revive the contributions to the relief fund.

Drought Imperils Illinois Corn.

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 7.—The hot dry spell shows no signs of abating in this district. The farmers are complaining bitterly and say it is even now too late to save much of the corn, which has shriveled up.

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